# GIS within an all-relational framework

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### Back in the day...

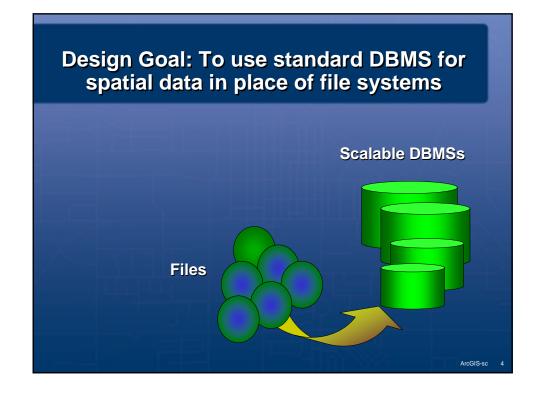
- When God created the earth:
  - After He rested on the 7th day...
  - He created the computer
    - Which was good
  - But He saw the computer was alone
    - Which was not so good
  - So He put the computer into stand-by mode, took from it a RIB, and made from it data (RIB: reusable instruction byte)
  - After this, the man and the woman, and all their children for many generations to come flocked to see the data, and the computer was never alone again.

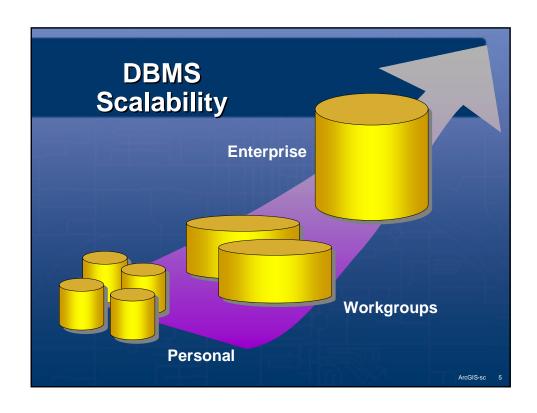
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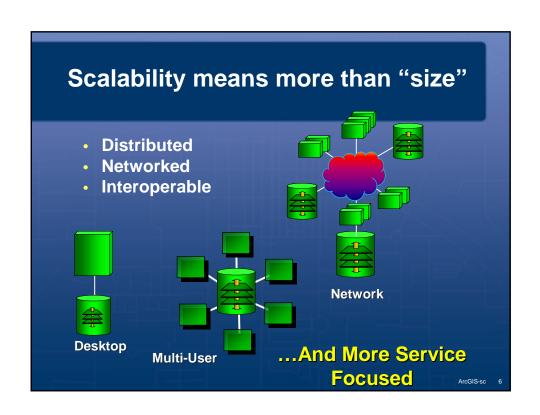
### Why a database?

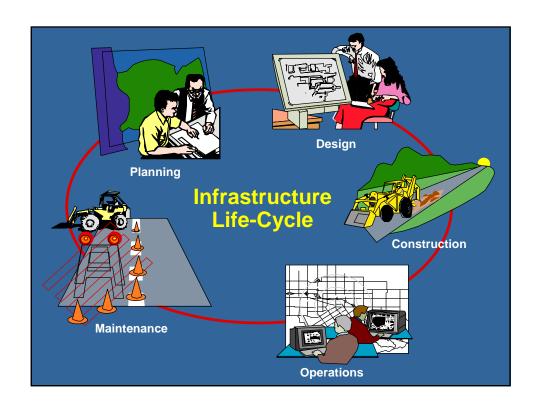
- Organizations need:
  - One file -- not a bunch of files
  - More flexible to use
  - Easier to manage
  - Secure, but accessible
  - Scalable
  - Persists across use and time

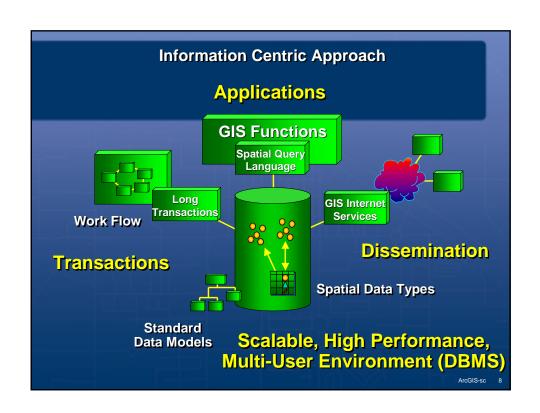
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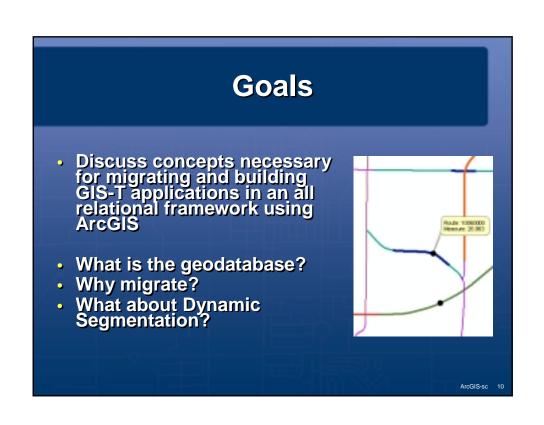












# Why store GIS data in an RDBMS

- GIS users want better data management
  - data integrity
  - fast access for many simultaneous users
  - efficient use of the network
  - common environment to manage spatial and tabular data
  - SQL standard

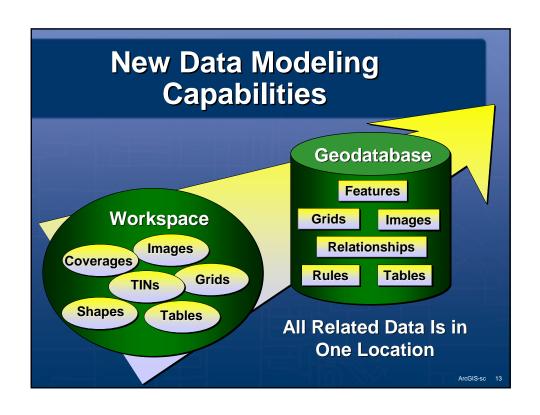
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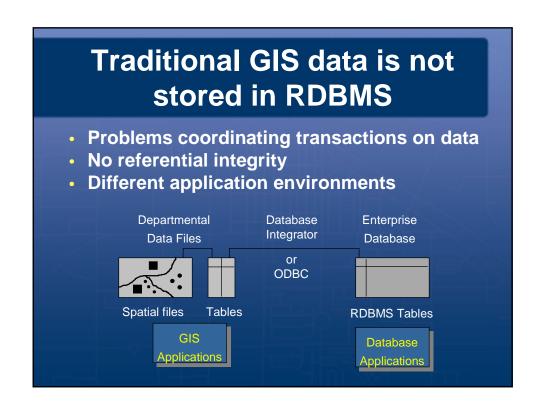
- MIS users want spatial functionality
  - Include spatial data as a managed enterprise asset
  - Support GIS applications
  - Spatially enable applications

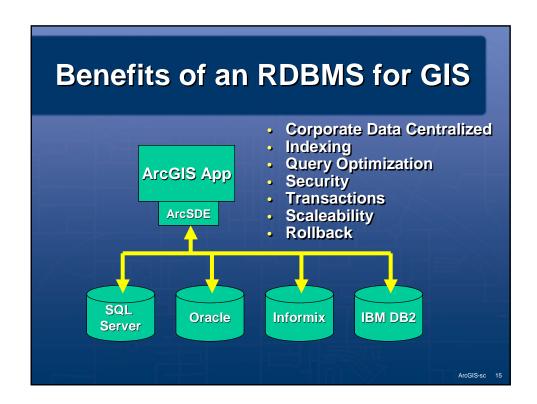
#### Example:

- Query to determine bus route and fare
- Operator types in to/from address
- Searches for route
- A rate appears on screen
- The operator never sees a map

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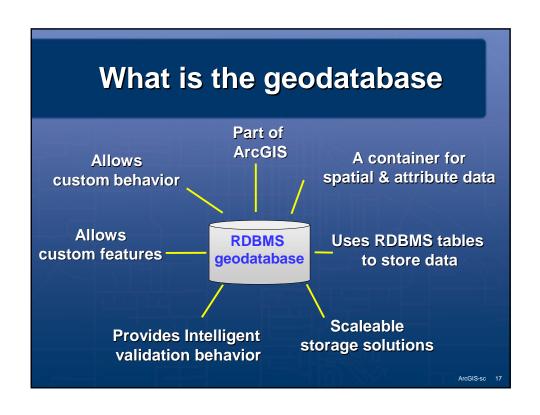


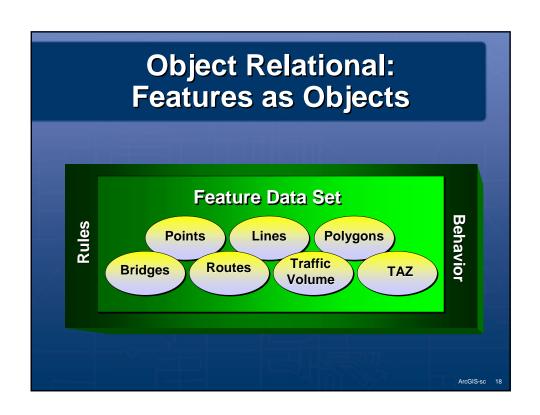


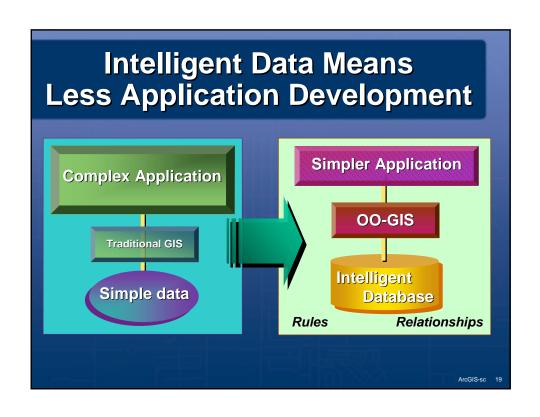
## What is the geodatabase

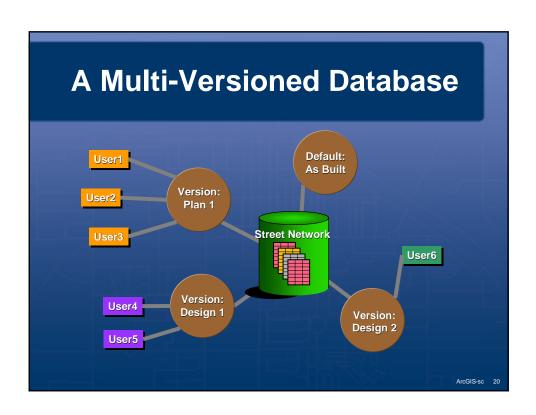
- A new geographic data model
- All relational data storage
- Features with behavior
  - Speed Limit coded value domains
- Topological relationships
  - Geometric Network
- Business Objects
  - Locator, Geoprocessor

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### **Database Design**

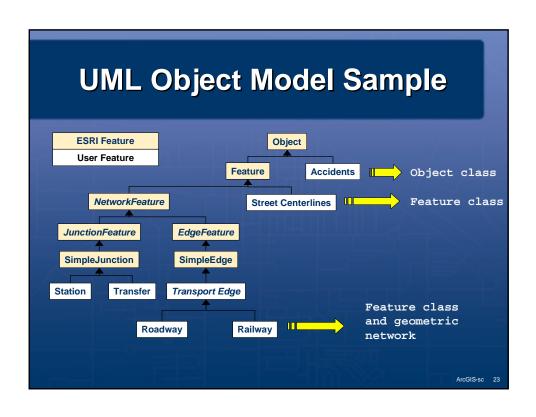
- Import spatial, tabular, raster and CAD data and/or
- Refine and extend existing classes; define new classes, or
- Use CASE and UML for a ground-up redesign of large system

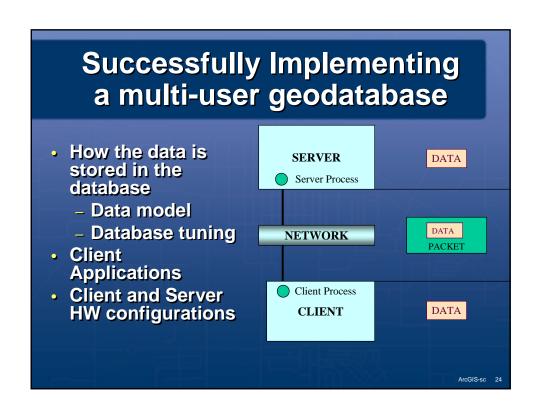
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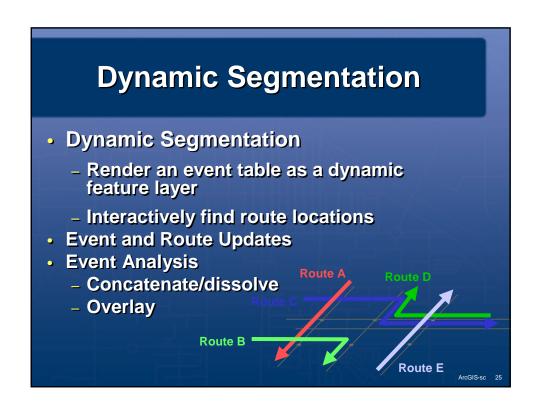
### The UML/Case Tools Approach

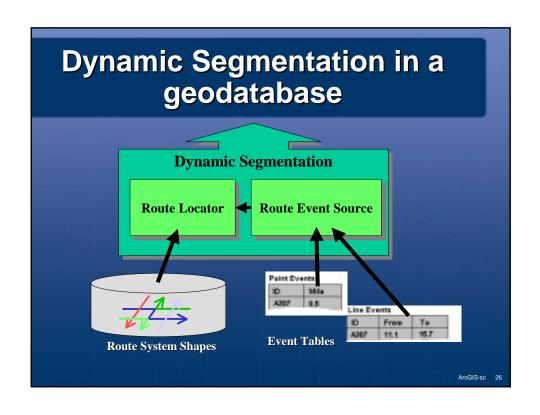
- Use UML to specify
  - Object, feature, and relationship classes
  - class properties, methods, subtypes
  - relationship and connectivity rules
- Use a CASE tool to capture your UML model.

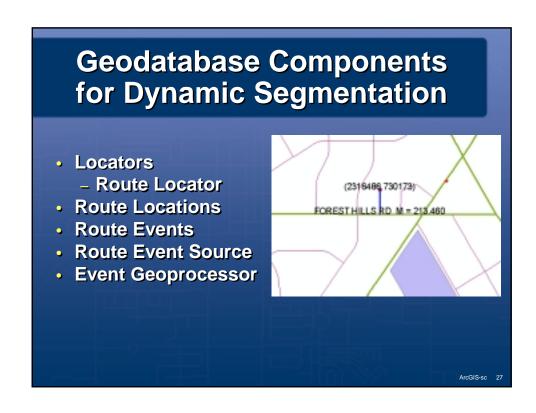
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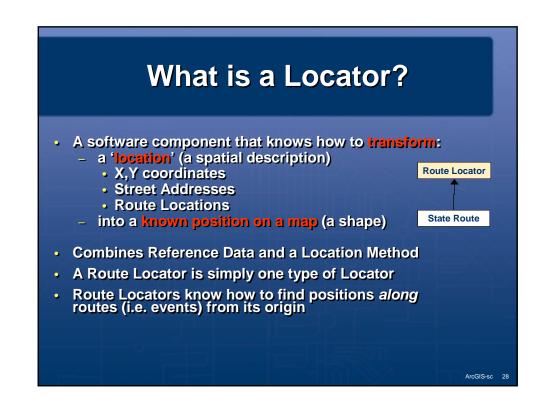


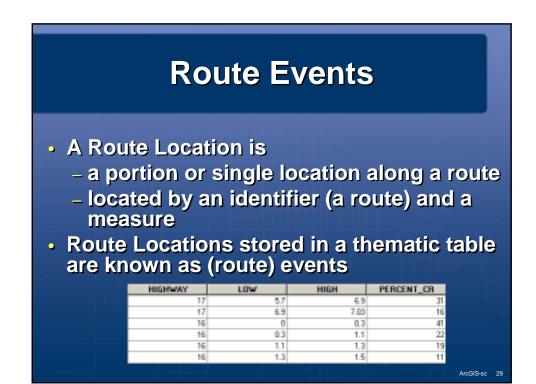


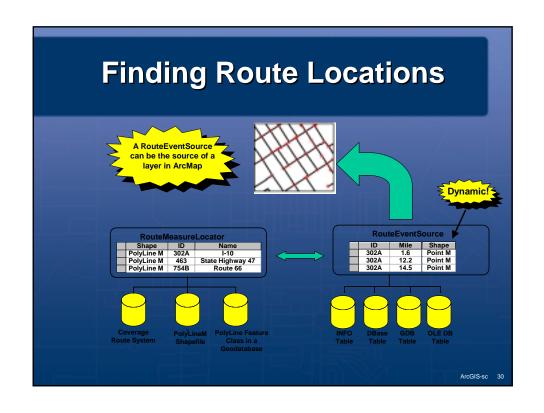












# Summary: Why the geodatabase

- Stored in a RDBMS
- Multi-user editing w/ versions and long transactions
- Object oriented geographic data modeling using UML and case tools
- Features with behavior
- Relationships
- Topological relationships
- A set of 'objects' and ' rules' for GIS-T
  - Locators, Event Geoprocessor

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